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BIO MEDICAL RESEARCH AND ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether over-enthusiasm of animal rights activists is interfering in bio-medical research work;
- (b) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Virology, Pune, was closed on that account;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons for its closure; and
- (e) the action taken to ensure that the bio-medical research work to save mankind is not hampered on such frivolous grounds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) Yes Sir, the leading institutions conducting experiments on animals in biomedical research are facing difficulties because of various provisions of Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control & Supervision) Rules, 1998 prepared by Committee for the Purpose of Control & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) and the manner in which various decisions of CPCSEA are implemented.
- (b) to (d) It is not true that the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune (under Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) was closed. However, on 16th May, 2002, 31 monkeys that completed the experimentation as per plan were handed over to CPCSEA representative for rehabilitation.
- (e) All the issues relating to the role of CPCSEA on medical research and amendments to rules, procedures etc. that may be needed, have been taken up with Committee of Secretaries.